(*h*) Waste is exported to France, Italy and Switzerland. The present price is about Rs. 16 a maund.

(*i*) No information is available on the subject.

(*j*) } The matter will be investigated.
(*k*) }

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. S. Hampaiya.

What is the cost of the machine? How long will it take for Government to investigate the matter?

First Member.

It is not possible to give the information immediately. The matter should be referred to the department concerned and a report received. Probably it may take three to six months.

MESSRS. B. VEMAREDDI, MALUR TALUK, AND CHIKCHANNANANJAPPA CHETTY, KOLAR TOWN.—

Q.—12. Will Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What is the total cost incurred so far by Government in effecting retrenchments in the several departments?

(2) How many posts carrying a pay of Rs. 150 and above were abolished by such retrenchments and how many in each department?

(3) How many fresh appointments carrying a pay of Rs. 150 and above have been created, since the retrenchments were given effect to? If so created, what is the total expenditure to be incurred on account of such new appointments, including travelling allowance?

(4) What is the effect of the retrenchments on the whole, that is, what is the net savings effected by Government after deducting the expenditure mentioned in para (3) *supra*?

(5) If the expenditure of the State had not been diminished by such retrenchments, what would be the probable loss to Government? And what is the gain to the Government and the public which has resulted by the creation of new posts ever since the retrenchments?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—1. The only cost incurred by Government in effecting retrenchments is the expenditure on the Special Finance Committee, which amounted to Rs. 17,416.

2. A list of appointments on pay of Rs. 150 and above abolished in each department is appended.

3. A list of permanent appointments on pay of Rs. 150 and above sanctioned since 1st August 1922, on which date the Special Finance Committee's Report was received, is appended. The total cost of these appointments is about Rs. 2¼ lakhs. The expenditure on travelling allowances drawn by the incumbents of these offices is not readily ascertainable.

4. The result of retrenchments and economies effected on the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee and by Government is about Rs. 50 lakhs.

5. Attention is invited to the answer to question No. 4. It is not clear what is meant by "the gain by the creation of new posts."

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. Vema Reddi.

In the reply, it is stated that the total amount of retrenchments is Rs. 50 lakhs. What is the amount saved on account of Travelling allowance and what on salaries?

Financial Secretary.

Information asked for is furnished in the reply. Only the total amount is given.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.

What is the recurring annual savings.

Financial Secretary.

Rupees 50 lakhs represent recurring savings. We cannot find it this year as additional expenditure is incurred as a set off against this savings.

Mr. M. Abbas Khan.

Is it possible to give the amount spent on new appointments since created and on duty allowances?

Dewan.

This is a question which does not arise out of the interpellation.